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450100-03261

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shigeyoshi HIRASHIMA et al.
Serial No. : 09/894,689
For : CONNECTION APPARATUS, CONNECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR
STORING COMPUTER-READABLE PROGRAM HAVING CONNECTING FUNCTIONS
Filed : June 27, 2001
Examiner : POON, King Y.
Art Unit : 2624

MAIL STOP AF
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	9	Minus	20 =	0 x	\$50(25)	= \$0
Independent claims	3	Minus	3 =	0 x	\$200(100)	= \$0
				Total additional fee for this amendment		= \$0

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a - month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A USPTO Form 2038 - Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ - month petition for extension of time.
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action which issued September 15, 2005, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.